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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISITS MOSCOW UNEXPECTEDLY

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1. THE EMBASSY HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF GIEREK'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND FIRST LEARNED OF IT WHEN HIS PRESENCE IN MOSCOW WAS ANNOUNCED ON EVENING NEWS BROADCASTS ON DECEMBER 17. THE DECEMBER 18 MORNING PRESS REPORT OF HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ADDED NOTHING CONCERNING HIS PURPOSE, LENGTH OF STAY, OR THE COMPOSITION OF HIS PARTY.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A HOST OF POSSIBLE TOPICS THAT BREZHNEV AND GIEREK MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS NOW, WE HAVE
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NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD IDENTIFY ANY PARTICULAR ONE AS THE PRIME MOTIVATION FOR THE VISIT. SINCE THE POLES

WOULD PREFER WHERE POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE THAT GIEREK TRUNDLES OFF TO MOSCOW ON CALL, WE SUSPECT THE INITIATIVE CAME FROM THE SOVIET SIDE, AND THE SURPRISE NATURE OF THE VISIT MAY INDICATE THERE IS SOME URGENCY TO IT.

3. IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY MOSCOW'S SUGGESTION (REFTEL,) WE BELIEVE THE VISIT COULD HAVE RESULTED FROM A NEED TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) POLISH-FRG RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY POLAND'S RECENT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT 50,000 ETHNIC GERMANS TO EMIGRATE IN EXCHANGE FOR FRG CREDITS, WHICH COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR SOVIET EMIGRATION POLICY. (2) THE POLISH REGIME'S INCREASING EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE ITS POPULACE THROUGH APPEALS TO "SOCIALIST PATRIOTISM" WITH OCCASIONAL THROWBACKS TO NATIONALIST SYMBOLS AND A HISTORY WHOSE UNDERCURRENTS COULD BE EMBARRASSING TO THE SOVIETS. (3) THE POLISH ICCS AND/OR UNEF ROLE. (4) RECENT POLISH TALKS WITH ITALIAN CP LEADER BERLINGUER, OR POSSIBLY THE RELATED TOPIC OF THE UPCOMING MEETING OF WEST EUROPEAN CP'S. (5) WARSAW PACT-ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU'S VISIT TO WARSAW, EXPECTED TO BEGIN DECEMBER 19.

(6) WARSAW'S RECENT OPENING TO THE VATICAN.

4. GIEREK MIGHT ALSO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS POLISH DESIRES TO PROCEED WITH LEGISLATION PERMITTING JOINT VENTURES WITH WESTERN FIRMS, WHICH THE POLES WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROMULGATE WITHOUT SOVIET BLESSINGS.

5. NOT TO BE EXCLUDED IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE DECIDED TO RAISE THEIR OIL PRICE OR CURTAIL SUPPLIES TO POLAND WHICH FOR THE POLES WOULD BE A CONCERN OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE AND JUSTIFICATION ENOUGH FOR A SUDDEN FLYING TRIP BY GIEREK TO MOSCOW.
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